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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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INVENTION: "NETWORKED COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR COMMUNICATION AND  
OPERATING IN A VIRTUAL REALITY ENVIRONMENT"

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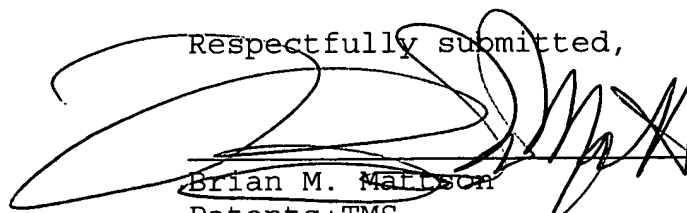
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This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2006. In the Office Action, the Patent Office required restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I directed to Claims 1-29 drawn to enabling users to access a virtual reality server host by identifying a network address of the server host wherein at least one of the plurality of servers communicates with the server host; Group II directed to Claims 30 and 31 drawn to registering a host and host owner to establish communication with a home session server; Group III directed to Claims 32-34 drawn to locating a user by issuing a location request to determine the location of the user based on host-name resolution; Group IV directed to Claims 35-40 drawn to a client activating and maintaining continuous network communication with the virtual reality host; Group V directed to Claims 41 and 42 drawn to temporarily/permanently relocating a host within a virtual reality

network which involves a host in a first location and establishing a network communication between the host and home session server, wherein the home session server is assigned to the host and located in a second location; Group VI directed to Claims 43 and 44 drawn to teleporting a plurality of users between a plurality of virtual reality environments wherein each of the users has a host for accessing the plurality of virtual reality environments, which involves creating a user group of at least two hosts; Group VII directed to Claims 45-52 drawn to accessing a network virtual reality environment from a server; and Group VIII directed to Claims 53 and 55-60 drawn to facilitating distributed data processing of a virtual reality environment between a data/session server and a plurality of hosts. In response to the election of invention requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect herewith, with traverse, the invention of Group I (Claims 1-29).

Applicants submit that Claims 1-29 are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,




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